

HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ELLEN GRIFFIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE BOEING COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 15-910 RAJ

ORDER

This matter comes before the court on defendant the Boeing Company's motion to dismiss. Dkt. # 11. The court has reviewed Ms. Griffin's complaint as well as the amended complaint attached to her motion to amend (Dkt. # 33). The claims alleged in both complaints are identical to the claims alleged in a previous lawsuit already decided by this court. *See* Case No. 13-cv-38-RAJ.

The doctrine of res judicata "bars litigation in a subsequent action of any claims that were raised or could have been raised in [a] prior action." *Ownes v. Kaiser Found. Health Plan, Inc.*, 244 F.3d 708, 713 (9th Cir. 2001) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). The doctrine serves the important public policy of providing "an end to

1 litigation” and ensures that “matters once tried shall be considered forever settled as
2 between the parties.” *Federated Dep’t Stores, Inc. v. Moitie*, 452 U.S. 394, 401-02
3 (1981).

4 On June 25, 2015, this court entered an order granting summary judgment in Ms.
5 Griffin’s initial action. The court found in favor of Boeing on Ms. Griffin’s pay
6 discrimination and discriminatory/retaliatory discharge claims. Dkt. ## 91, 92. This new
7 action raises the same claims against the same defendant. Accordingly, res judicata bars
8 this action. Boeing’s motion is GRANTED. Dkt. # 11.
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10 The clerk is directed to dismiss Ms. Griffin’s complaint, terminate all pending
11 motions and close this case.
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13 Dated this 16th day of November, 2015.
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17 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
18 United States District Court
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